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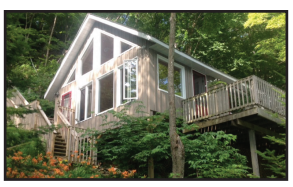

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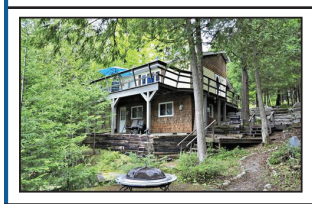

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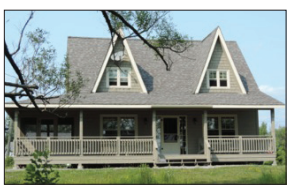

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Jen Smith: A farmer's market vendor profile

GEORGE FARRELL
Special to *County Life*

Jen Smith and Falafel Dave MacMartin at the Haliburton Farmers Market.

Visits to the farmers markets in Haliburton, Carnarvon and Minden have become an integral cultural experience for residents and visitors who delight in purchasing seasonal, locally-grown produce, and products. Count me among the delighted.

Over the years I have come to know some of the market vendors, but I only recently met Jen Smith, a fellow Gelertian, who makes cheese appetizers, marinades and sauces. She sells her products at the local markets, at markets outside the county, and in various stores in Southern Ontario.

Smith, with support from her partner Jenny Hill, has been in business for about five years, but it's only in the last year and a half that she's devoted herself full-time to Edilicious, the brand name for their products.

Both women are originally from Toronto and moved to the Highlands 17 years ago, where they established themselves in social services. Smith, who learned how to cook from her mother, originally used her and Hill's holiday time to set up a stall at the local farmers markets.

"But it got to a point where we made the decision to take it further, and one of us had to be all in," Smith said. Being "all in" involved total commitment in taking the business beyond the hobby stage, and it meant turning their garage into a "commercial, public health-certified kitchen." It's now to the point where packaging and promotional costs have to be undertaken in order for the Edilicious products to be marketed successfully in stores in Southern Ontario.

For now the prime products are the five different kinds of cheese appetizers, which come in the form of multi-layered frozen disks which look like little cakes. The disks, which take a couple of hours to defrost, are about 10 centimetres in diameter and about five centimetres thick. They were designed as an upscale appetizer which can be served at parties and gatherings, or as a tasty, at-home snack. I find that they go wonderfully well with a Pinot Grigio or Vinho Verde wine, and the prevailing sense is that you are eating something different and special.

The five appetizers come in either goat or cream cheese variations, and depending on which appetizer you choose, are layered with such goodies as sun-dried tomatoes, basil, pecans, black olives, figs, pistachio and brandy, caramelized onions, dates and walnuts.

Other Edilicious products include two chimchurris, which are marinade sauces, and most recently, falafels, which Smith has high hopes for. Falafels are a Middle Eastern food which consists of a deep-fried ball or patty, usually made from ground chick peas, commonly served in a pita, along with various vegetables and sauces. The Edilicious falafel balls, which will soon be available in frozen packages of 12, are made of "maybe 30 spices, a few of them hard to get," Smith said.

Edilicious has now grown to the point where Smith has to hire people, like "Falafel Dave" Mac Martin, who recently made me a non-traditional but delicious falafel at the Haliburton Farmers Market. Smith likes to use as much local produce as she can in her products, but some bulk ingredients have to come from the Toronto Food Terminal, and she thanks John and Sue Shim of the Minden Fruit and Vegetable Market for regularly picking up fresh produce from Toronto for her. "I couldn't do it without them," Smith said.

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Renzo Rosati's "rat" bike was made for his home, complementing the motorcycle in colour and style. Kinmount residents may recognize the motorcycle from past parades, entered by its former owner. Look for more features like this for the Wheels Series in upcoming issues. Contact writer Darren Lum for possible vehicles to cover./DARREN LUM Staff

Love it or hate it, there is nothing like it

DARREN LUM
County Life staff

At first glance, the motorcycle conjures images of a young Marlon Brando in a leather jacket gracing the silver screen with chip on his shoulder and cigarette in his mouth.

However on closer inspection, the motorcycle owned for four years with pride by Renzo Rosati is a Frankencycle of parts, spanning a few decades of motorcycle history. What it lacks in refinement, it more than makes up in character and is truly one of a kind in a world of efficient and reliable motorcycles.

Rosati, a Carnarvon resident who loves his little community, characterizes his ride as a "rat bike" – a term coined for motorcycles that have been put together with an assortment of parts. Envision the vehicles showcased in the Mad Max movies and you get the idea.

He can't take credit for building the motorcycle, which is a blend of custom and re-appropriated parts. The four-speed (predominantly green) bike has a circa 1977 Honda 550 cc engine with matching gauge cluster. Rosati jokes that the Honda engine is "why it still runs."

"As you can tell, I love old things," he said, pointing at items around his house. "Old thermometers. Old bikes. Old cars, which is my next thing. I want a classic car. There is a lot of history in that. One of the things that drew me to this bike is the fact that there is a lot of different eras all built into one bike," he said.

He adds bike enthusiasts will get the attraction of this one-of-a-kind vehicle because the bike shows the various eras of motorcycle development.

Old is what speaks to Rosati, who said he also appreciates the signs of age such as the wear and tear, the slight leak from a gasket that needs changing. These are signs of a life lived and roads travelled.

He isn't certain, but based on appearances, he thinks the tank is from Harley Davidson.

No battery? No problem. The bike has a kick starter to complement its electric starter.

There's also this unique leather seat, which is weathered and worn, but not without character and has no equal. It's large and resembles a bar chair or a saddle for a horse rather than a purposeful saddle like the contemporary versions on bikes today. Rosati has no idea where it came from.

Among the other unique features is custom fenders that come down around the upper part of the tires, and a running board, which he believes necessitated the addition of a "suicide shifter."

With the clutch lever on the left handlebar and the shift selector on the same side, close to the engine on the left side, riding the bike requires a certain amount of dexterity and nerve. In order to change gears, the operator must keep the clutch lever squeezed and take the right hand off the wound rope throttle grip and reach across the body (towards the left bent leg) and move the stick shifter.

Another piece Rosati likes is the 1940s "pig tail" rear light assembly that protrudes from the fender and sits just below the painted word, "piglet" and the wolf sticker – the only two additions since the original builder created this bike two owners ago. The wolf sticker was added by Rosati, who wanted to put his own stamp on

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Unique character shines

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the bike.

"It's not a hog, so they called it the piglet," he said, laughing.

Rosati may love the bike, but hasn't taken a chance on a long trip with it. He just doesn't feel secure taking the bike anywhere outside of Carnarvon, due to its age. He insists it's a reliable bike and said it always starts. The odometer reads 39,000 miles, but who knows how many more miles there really is on the engine, he said.

Its last owner, an eccentric man from Kinmount, said he had it for 15 years. The original guy rode the bike thousands of thousands of kilometres, including jaunts on Highway 401. It's something that amazes Rosati, who cannot imagine the stress of being surrounded by vehicles with a bike so exposed and one that possesses the suicide shifter. He is content to ride it around his immediate neighbourhood to the delight of onlookers.

The bike definitely turns heads.

An aspect not lost on Rosati, who also owns and rides the stock Honda Shadow, a bike with considerably less drawing power.

"It's for guys like myself who just look at it and [say] 'wow,'" he said.

A friend of his, who is a very passionate Indian motorcycle fan, has suggested entering the bike into shows.

This wouldn't be the first time it was showcased.

He was told it won the award as the fan favourite at a motorcycle show in Lindsay, which upset Harley owners. His eyes grow large every time he tells the story.

A previous owner would also ride the bike around Coboconk, including in parades.

Rosati has considered selling his prized possession and has it listed online.

"I'm hoping whoever buys it will do it. If it doesn't sell I'm perfectly OK with it staying in this room," he said, referring to a vacant room at the front of his house.

He was first drawn to the bike after seeing it on an online ad six years ago.

A year went by and he forgot about it. Then he noticed it in an estate sale.

The sale included old cars, a glider, a boat, which included a pirate decor with skulls.

As Rosati was leaving, the owner noticed him and asked if he liked motorcycles, pulling out the cobweb-covered bike from his barn.

"As soon as he wheeled it out, I recognized the bike so I made him an offer. He took it and there you go," he said.

Rosati's wife didn't know he bought the motorcycle until he brought it home.

She had one proclamation about it.

"I remember her telling me when I brought this home. She ... didn't want outside the house to look like a junkyard. She said, 'I hope you have no plans to leave this outside [the house]. Put it in the back or put it in the barn. I don't want people seeing this piece of junk outside. ... Little did she know at that time it would be sitting in the house," he said.

Top left, Among the unique features of the "rat" bike include wound rope being used for the handlebar grips. There is no doubt about the bike's ability to polarize opinion, as people either love or hate it./DARREN LUM Staff

Above, The only things really added to the bike since the original owner are a painted "piglet" and a wolf sticker./ DARREN LUM Staff

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Left, Zinjanthropus, Right, Homo erectus, Middle: Small brained referee Homo habilis

Top 10 signs that turkey season is over

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

Turkey season ended on May 31. But even if you didn't read the hunting regulations there is no mistaking that the season is over. Here are 10 common indicators that immediately come to mind.

1. You see turkeys everywhere and many are wearing party hats.
2. Hunters who never filled a tag, refuse to talk about what they did for the last month or so.
3. You're wife "finds" all those turkey calls that went missing.
4. You can now spend all your time not catching fish.
5. It is no longer acceptable to use the word gobbler in casual conversation.
6. There is no longer any good reason to walk into the woods before sunrise, sit down and sleep with your back against a tree.
7. You finally find your camouflage gear, hiding in plain sight.
8. You seriously consider placing your unused second tag on a turkey decoy and posing with it for a deliberately blurry photo.
9. Every unsuccessful hunter you know is trying to sell you cranberry sauce at discount prices.
10. Someone invites you to hunt on their property because they have "tons" of birds there.

Educate Renters

JANICE BISHOP
Cottage Rental Expert

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Cottage rental agencies have developed detailed booklets introducing renters to "life in the country" but if you are handling rentals through a web accommodation advertising service, you will need to create your own book of instructions.

Here are some ideas of areas where education is necessary:

1) Septic systems: most renters live in the city with sewers so they don't understand the limitations of septic systems. Take preventative measures. Educate renters on the do's and don'ts of septic systems.

2) Garbage: every cottage has a unique system for dealing with garbage. Don't assume renters know what to do. Provide detailed instructions on where to store garbage between trips to the dump, which dump you use, and dump hours.

3) Cleaning: cleanliness varies from renter to renter. Leave a detailed list on what renters need to do before they leave your cottage. This will help make the change-over between renters easier to manage

4) Activities/events: busy renters are happy renters. Prepare a binder with brochures from restaurants, activities and events in the area. Alternately, you are welcome to use the Free Resource Guide that I have created on my web site at www.haliburtoncottages.com. It is a free service that lists local events, activities, restaurants, emergency services with links to google maps for directions and web sites for additional information.

Janice Bishop is the owner of All-Season Cottage Rentals and has worked within the tourism industry for over 40 years.

Bob Cole's prehistoric call

JOHN JAMIESON
Special to *County Life*

HIGH IN THE gondola of a eucalyptus tree Bob surveyed the arena.

"Oh baby, this looks like a great one. The finals of the Hominin Cup looks like a great one. Everyone is here to watch the Zinjanthropus Knuckle Draggers against the Uprighteous Ones, the powerful Erectus warriers from the northern Rift Valley.

"For close to a million years these two groups have fought for dominance. It should be a no holds barred game. These two teams do not like each other.

"Causing quite a commotion near the boards is Don Cherty. It looks like he's dressed in resplendent attire again. He's wearing a rare sphinx tie and a jacket of jackals. Ever since the instigator rules were installed, his rants have driven the referees crazy. He wants to see full contact warfare.

"The place is sold out again. But, the Erectus crowd is down this year. Many have left Africa and headed north. But the Zinjs are staying put. But still eating nuts has left Zinj's nutrition wanting and they might have a tough time against the stronger meat eaters.

"The referees are calling the two captains together. Oh baby, he's pointing at the Erectus captain and wagging his finger. Ever since the Uprighteous ones learn to make fire, they have been banging stones, twisting sticks on a fireboard and throwing flaming branches onto the ice when they get angry. Oh baby, now he's pointing at the Knucklers. They have been crunching hard nuts and throwing the shells when dismayed.

"The referee is trying to separate the two centers. They're pushing each other. Oh baby, the Zinj centre has grabbed the Uprighteous one's stick and crushed it in his gigantic molars that he uses to crush nuts. Both benches are standing and shouting. This could get out of control.

"Oh baby, the Uprighteous centre has taken his broken stick and smashed it over the Zinj's head, but the ridge on Zinj's head has protected his skull from concussions. Now the Warriors are pointing and laughing at the ridge on Zinj's head. Mocking him. That doesn't look good.

"The Warriors have superior intelligence and they will probably… There it is… Erectus pointed at Zinj's skate and said his skate lace was undone. Zinj looked down and got a knee to the head. Oh baby! Righteous one jumped and has bitten off part of Zinj's ear using his newly developed incisors which Zinj does not have. Blood is flowing.

"Oh baby, the Erectus team is streaming over the boards with their newly made achulean hand axes. The Zinjs are in retreat. They can't make tools. Their thumbs can push stones against their fingers, but they're not smart enough to form a tool.

"The referees are trying to stop the fighting. It's no use. Oh baby, this Hominin Cup is not going to be played today. Cherty is telling the referees to let them fight. But the Zinjs are not a match for the Uprighteous ones, who are now carrying flaming torches and taunting the Zinjs and threatening with hand axes and calling them chimpanzees. Oh baby!

"This prehistoric game will have to be rescheduled to next year, but with the migration of Erectus Warriors out of Africa, they may not be able to field a team next year.

"This is truly a prehistoric moment and this is Bob Cole climbing down. Oh baby, what a game!"

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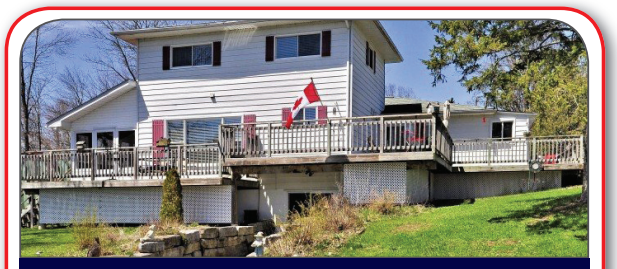

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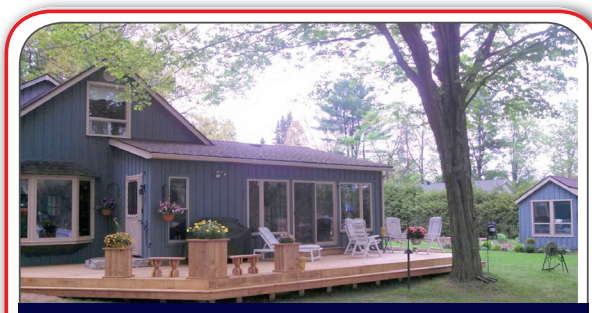

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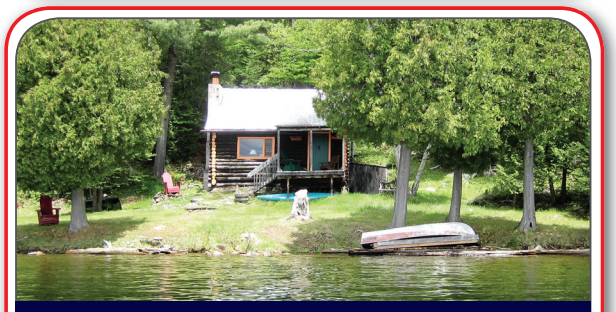

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County fair packs a day full of fun

Calvin Stein of Madoc drives his heavy ponies Bonnie and Barney during the heavy pony pull competition at last year's fair. This year's event is at the Minden Fairgrounds on June 10. /DARREN LUM Staff

SUE TIFFIN

County Life Staff

Cathy Fisher is excited about the 153rd annual Haliburton County Fair.

Fisher, a Minden resident, is not only working on the fair board, but she's a grandmother to two kids under five and loves to see their excitement.

"It'll be awesome" she said. "There's a dog show, pony rides, laser tag – kids love those things."

The fair, which opens on June 10 at 9 a.m. at the Minden Fairgrounds, is presented by the Minden Agricultural Society.

Organizers are hoping residents will participate in the fair exhibitions, and will work together with the fair board to continue building on and improving the fair to keep it in the community. Though the 2016 event was popular, in recent years attendance has been declining for the fair, and new directors stepped up to keep the board numbers strong.

"They were going to fold," said Fisher, who is a first-time board volunteer. "There's no way we're going to let the fair fold. If you let it go, you never get it back."

The fair board has been working to rejuvenate the county fair by bringing it back to its agricultural roots. An artisan market, sheep, goat and cow shows, highland dancers, a horse pull, car show and demonstrations of wood processing and sheep shearing are part of the packed events schedule.

A craft beer tasting event, mounted horse games, and a baseball tournament are sure to be exciting new additions to the fair this year. Afternoon music by the Shout Sister choir, Cheryl Lescom and the Paul DesLauriers Band, part of the Canadian Blues Legends Series, will provide additional entertainment for the day's events.

Focusing on engaging youth in agricultural topics, projects about scarecrows, sunflowers and hatching chickens will be presented by children. A LEGO build and play station, bean bag toss, face painting, balloon artist and eating contest are planned for youth, as well.

"The best thing about the fair is that what you pay to get in, that lets you do all the kid and youth events, see the demonstrations, and take part in everything. It's all included. Where could you go for $25, stay all day, and see all these things?," said Fisher.

A Friday night beef barbecue held the night before the fair features Todd Nolan and Friends performing, alongside an evening of dinner and an auction. Tickets are available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and Organic Times in Minden.

Admission to the fair for adults is $10, children 12 and under pay $7, and a family pass (two adults, two kids) costs $25. For more information, visit haliburtoncountyfair.ca.

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Senior's Spotlight: Steve Hill

ROBERT MACKENZIE
County Life Staff

Steve Hill has been curating at the Haliburton Highlands Museum since 1984 with the help of his 29-year-old measuring tape Suzy. /ROBERT MACKENZIE Staff.

Steve Hill has been working in museums since he was 16 years old in Markham, Ontario.

"I'd go over to the museum, and I kept going back because it was interesting. And the guy that was running it asked me if I wanted a summer job," Hill, 58, says as he sits in the Haliburton Highlands Museum, where he's worked since 1984.

As a child, his father's job caused Hill and his family to move between towns in Southern Ontario, but it seemed wherever he lived there were no kids his age. As a result, Hill says he grew up surrounded by First World War veterans, or "old geezers" as he lovingly calls them. "When you're surrounded by people like that, and then you go into the local museum and there are the actual things they're talking about, you just start to begin to relate to it even if you didn't live it yourself," he says.

Hill went to Algonquin College in Ottawa for his diploma in museum studies after being promised a permanent job at the Markham museum upon its completion. During his time in college he worked part time at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa.

So Hill didn't originally envision himself working in Haliburton. After college he went back to Markham, but didn't have a job waiting for him as he had originally been told. After a brief stint at the museum in Mooretown, Hill found himself in Barrie, just finishing his first day on a job documenting a heritage building when he got a call from Haliburton Museum curator and director Ross Carver asking if he was interested in coming up for a job interview.

"I came up for the interview and Mr. Carver and I hit it off right away," Hill says. A few days later, he got a call back from Carver saying he got the job. "I was ecstatic. I really was. I thought, finally after all these years of part-time here, part-time there, now I've got something steady."

Since then Hill has worked on differentiating Haliburton's museum from those of other small towns, focusing on connecting locals and their stories to the artifacts and displays. "We try to not just have displays, but we try to personalize them with pictures or anecdotes relating to the theme of the exhibit," he says.

"To me the museum is sort of a shrine to the pioneers that broke their back to make the town what it is today. Of course a lot of times certain people don't get fair representation, because there's nothing tangible left of them. But ideally what I think is important with our museum is that we try to tie the artifacts in with the local people so those local families are not forgotten," Hill adds.

These local connections are exemplified in the museum's Dr. E.K. Henderson display. After finding a nameplate from his practice 10 years ago, Hill worked leads to find a graduation photo and some biographical information about the doctor. The display now tells the story of how Dr. Henderson wouldn't stop treating his patients during the flu epidemic until his fingernails turned black and he died of the epidemic himself.

"This is a small display….but now, at least to the best of our ability, we've given him his due," Hill says. "As long as we're here he's not going to be forgotten."

Hill shows that same enthusiasm for every picture and artifact that he's examined in his time at the museum with the help of his co-workers and "Suzy," his 29-year-old tape measure that he carries in his trouser pocket. (Suzy II, I suppose, as Hill says that was also the name of his previous tape measure, although she didn't last nearly as long).

And after 42 years, Hill still has the same passion for museums as he did listening to the tales of the old geezers growing up.

"I'm not in this for the money. Don't tell council, I'd work here for free except I've got to eat and pay my rent," he says.

"There's more to a museum than how many people came to the museum this year. It's important you have visitors come to the museum, but you also have to be able to have the opportunity to research the area's history and to repair the artifacts and to take the time to set up decent displays. Otherwise the museum is just another museum."

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Fashion Fallies returning to Haliburton in November

JENN WATT

County Life Editor

Fashion Fallies, Haliburton County's whimsical, fun, outrageous catwalk, is returning this fall following a six-year hiatus.

This November, the Arts Council and Haliburton School of Art and Design will host the event, which is a lighthearted celebration of local creativity. Live music, food and dancing will also be part of this licenced event at the college.

The fashion show originated with the Art Hive, an artist co-operative that closed last year, running four times between 2007 and 2011.

"I've had so many people who would ask me, would you ever do Fashion Fallies again?" said Erin Lynch, founder of the Art Hive, current Arts Council board member, and one of the organizers of the Fallies revival.

"We had things like a dress made with cabbage leaves and metal forged wings and a flapper dress made of packing material. It was really avantegarde, something different than any of the fashion shows that had been done in Haliburton."

When the Arts Council was looking for a new event, Lynch suggested bringing back the fashion show.

Anyone can put in a proposal to have a fashion item in the show. You don't have to be a fashion designer – or even know how to sew – Lynch said.

"You can duct tape and you can staple. It just has to be adorned for the event," she said.

It also doesn't have to be an edgy piece; the show is open to hats and scarves, jewelry and more traditional clothing.

You can get an application by emailing haliburtonarts@haliburtonarts.on.ca or calling 705-457-8033. Applications must be sent in by Oct. 6.

While that seems like a long way off, Lynch said summer in the Highlands tends to fly by, so it's good to start thinking of ideas now. It may also help for scouting materials at garage sales and thrift shops over the summer.

Tiffany Howe walks the catwalk in an outfit titled Can't Touch This, designed by Sandi Luck in this file photo from 2011. Fashion Fallies is coming back to Haliburton in November. /ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

There's another date to mark in your calendar: on Wednesday, June 14, the Visual Arts and Artisans Roundtable is meeting for networking, socializing and sharing at 5:30 p.m. at Pinestone Resort. The group, which is a part of the Arts Council, will be talking about wearable art and there will be a fun activity to get the creative juices flowing.

You do not have to be an Arts Council member to attend the roundtable meeting.

The Fashion Fallies event will take place Friday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Haliburton School of Art and Design.

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Their performance features sophisticated harmonies, body percussion, scintillating dance moves, humour, and just enough ooh-la-la to keep your toes tapping long after the show is over. Group member Allyson Reighs says "our goal is a performance that leaves people feeling uplifted and joyful. It's important to us to perform music that makes us happy."

They have a number of awards to their name including a 2016 Saskatchewan Arts Award in the Emerging Artist Category, a Western Canadian Music Award in the Roots Duo/Group of the Year category and a nomination for a Canadian Folk Music Award in the Vocal Group of the Year category.

Inspired by Rosie the Riveter, the feminist icon who symbolized the women's movement into the workforce during the Second World War, the Riveters seek to empower women to be ambassadors for change within their own communities. In support of this vision they invest 20 per cent of their merchandise profits in women's projects around the world though KIVA.org.

The group consists of Allyson Reigh, Alexis Normand and Farideh Olsen.

Sweet and soft, Allyson Reigh has been composing melodies since before she could walk. Her ear for a great tune keeps the Riveter's melodic ideas fresh.

Francophone singer-songwriter, Alexis Normand, brings an impressive musical education and uncanny arrangement abilities. Her expertise and flair in composition are what make those Riveter harmonies intelligent and fun!

Farideh Olsen is a singer-songwriter whose long-standing obsession with African American spirituals is what founded the idea of Rosie and the Riveters and continues to inspire the music they sing today. Farideh comes from a family of eccentric storytellers and artists and keeps the Riveters laughing on and off stage.

Tickets are $25/person; $20 for members and youth and available online at www.haliburtonfolk.com, Halco Electronics/The Source in Haliburton and The Organic Times in Minden. For more information call 705-754-FOLK or visit www.haliburtonfolk.com.

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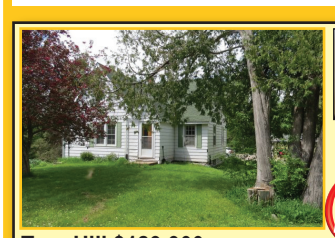

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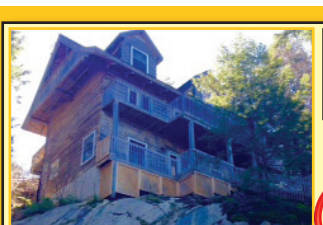

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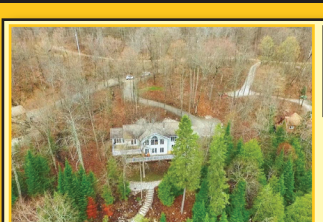

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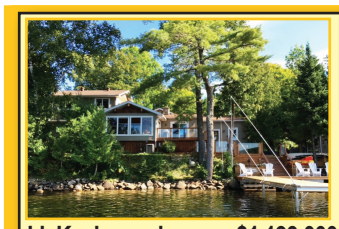

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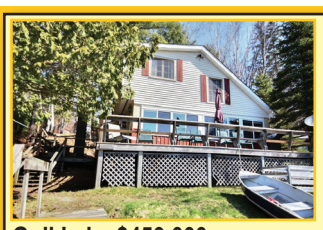

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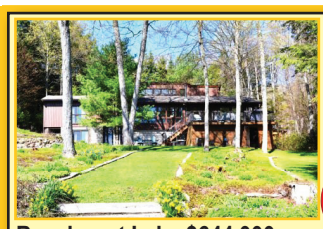

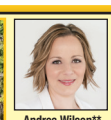

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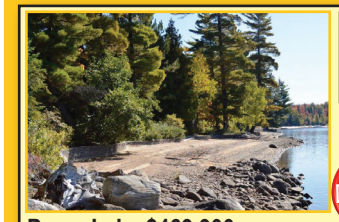

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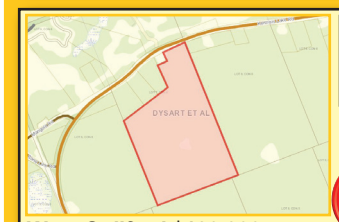

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West Guilford $139,900

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- Well and Hydro, Level, 244 Ft Frontage, 1.8 Acres
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Mark Dennys*
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Kennisis Lake $1,950,000

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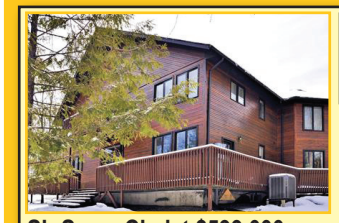

Lee Gauthier**
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Sir Sams Chalet $599,000

- B&B or Residential: 8 bdrms, 3 bathrooms
- Excellent investment on Sir Sam's ski hill

Scott Harrison
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Joel Hoffman
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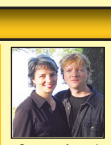

Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
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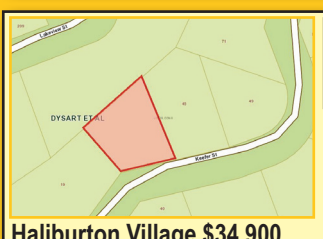
SOLD

Miskwabi North Shore $729,900

- Custom-built 4-season cottage
- 3BR + den, 2.5 baths, finished W/O basement
- 160 feet of clean shoreline on 2-lake chain



Rosemarie Jung
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Haliburton Village $34,900

- Lovely lot in quality neighbourhood
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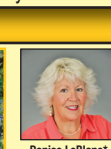

Denise LeBlanc*
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Lakefront Home $597,000

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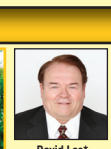

David Lee*
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EXECUTIVE RETREAT

Kennisis Lake $1,850,000

- 8 bedrooms, 6 baths, on 2.89 acres
- Large decks, 3 levels of living space
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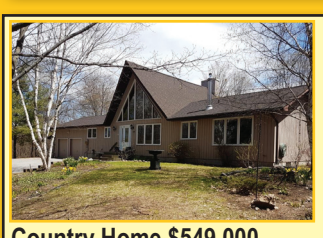

Brandon Nimigon
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Country Home $549,000

- Private 5 bedroom, 3 bath home
Newly renovated kitchen, large living space
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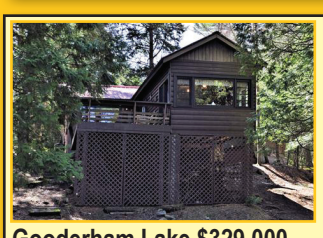

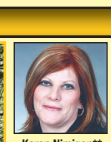

Karen Nimigon**
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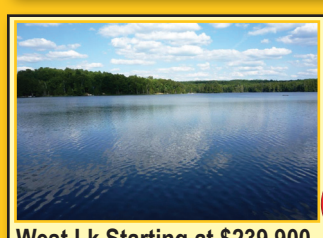
Gooderham Lake $329,000

- Charming handcrafted log cottage
- 2 bedrooms, 3 piece bath plus bunkie
- Ambiance & warmth,w/ a Northern feel!



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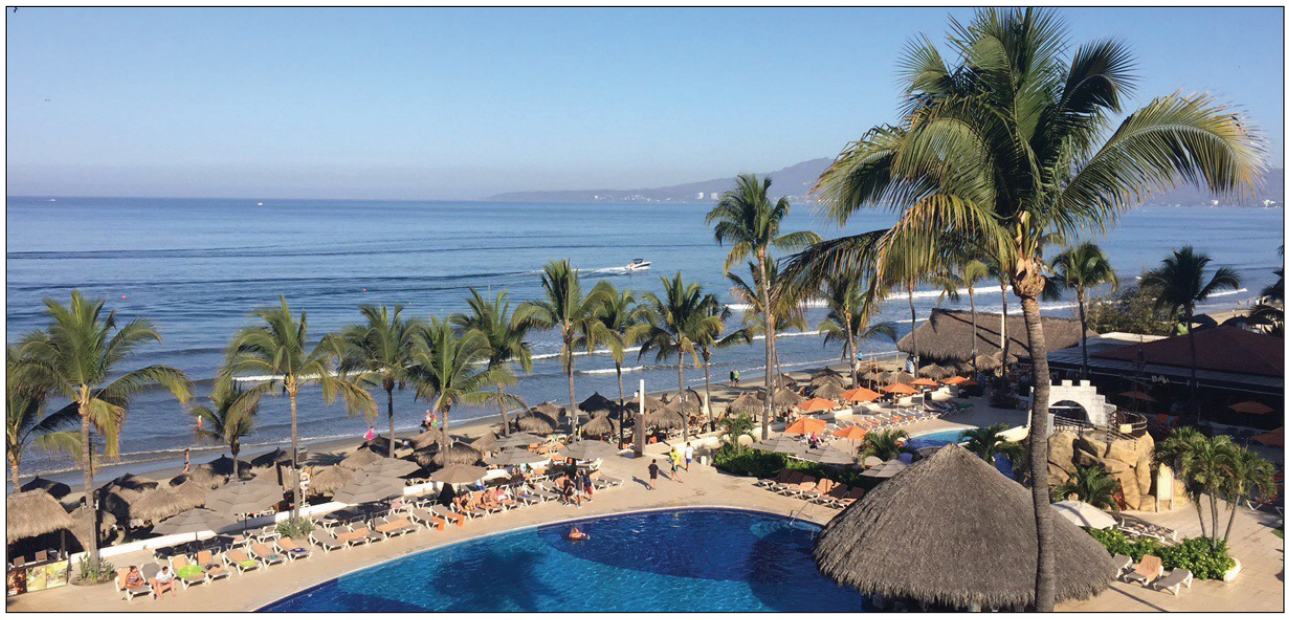
Ocean views, delicious food on trip to Mexico

MACHENZIE NEUMANN
Transat Travel

JUST RECENTLY (mid April) we returned home from our beautiful destination wedding in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. We had 80 of our closest friends and family join us from all over Canada, the United States and Australia to spend a week with us at the lovely Grand Marival and Suites on the Pacific coast of Mexico.



This 4.5 star property is truly one of a kind, located only 12 kilometres from the airport and along a beautiful beach which you can walk for miles along this property has it all, almost every room had a beautiful view of the Pacific Ocean, while others were lucky enough to not only have a view of the ocean, but also of the mountains behind the resort, the rooms were beautifully appointed with comfortable king or queen beds, a large walk-in shower, a wardrobe to hang and put away all of your clothes as well as a mini fridge that was restocked daily with non-alcoholic beverages (or if you left a tip close to the fridge it would magically become stocked with ice cold Corona). The resort had a few pools including a kid's pool and waterpark with a pirate ship, an adult only/quiet pool as well as the large main pool where most of our group seemed to congregate. I'm thinking that's because the swim-up bar was located here. Every day the entertainment team would do a great job at gathering everyone for water aerobics or water volleyball, there was always something going on to take part in. They also had beach volleyball and non-motorized water sports available.

The hotel has six restaurants, we ate at most of them and did not have a meal that we didn't like. The food there was great and lots of variety. I'm not sure if it was the fresh-made guacamole right at your table in the Mexican restaurant, the stone fired pizza, or the option to have the best eggs Benedict every morning but everyone I talked to thoroughly enjoyed the food and many even said they gained weight during the trip because the food was so good. On Tuesday nights they turn the entire outdoor area near the main pool into a Mexican fiesta night, bringing out all of the tables and chairs from the restaurants, setting up decorations and a stage for the performers and not to forget the best Mexican food including fresh churros! Yum. Also lots of vendors are set up selling beautiful Mexican style blankets, bowls and lots of other interesting things.

After all of our friends and family left us, we moved to another hotel the Hyatt Ziva Puerto Vallarta, for three days. This property is extremely luxurious from the seamless check-in four hours prior to the time we were actually allowed to check in, the white sand beach and turquoise water, multiple infinity pools to our incredible swim-up room which we enjoyed thoroughly, especially sitting watching the sunsets. This is a small resort located in the hillside for those who truly want to be pampered.

Looking for something to do other than sitting around on the beach or pool all day. Popular day excursions include mountain safaris which include zip lining, repelling, visiting a monkey sanctuary, sailing trips to Marietas National Park or Las Caletas, Rhythms of Night tour which includes a sunset cruise, dinner and a performance from dancers, whale watching and deep sea fishing.

Puerto Vallarta is a Canadian favourite; averaging out at 322 days a year for sunshine you are almost guaranteed hot and sunny weather when you are trying to escape the cold winter temperatures here in Haliburton County. Air Transat has three non-stop flights a week from Toronto offering seven, nine and 10-night durations, multiple hotels to pick from along the downtown strip or beautiful properties on the outskirts of town. Stay tuned for Linda's upcoming article about her Mediterranean cruise with Costa Cruise Lines she took in early May.

$749,000 - 12 Mile Lake
12milelake.com
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$700,000 - Boshkung Lake
boshkunglakecottage.com
Yr round cottage/home in exclusive Sherwood Forest on Boshkung Lake. 3+1 bdrm with lakeside bunkie and garage. Western exposure and big lake views. Cottage comes fully furnished and ready to enjoy.

$699,000 - 12 Mile Lake
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1350 sq ft, 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, with a Bunkie & garage/workshop. Flat, level lot, great waterfront, weed-free swimming, child-friendly shoreline. Easy access off a municipal road & less than 10mins north of Minden.

$359,000 - Bob Lake
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270 ft of waterfrontage with deep, clean, weed-free swimming. This 2 bedroom, 3 season cottage is situated in a very private, rugged, algonquin setting. Accessed via a year round round, less than 10 minutes from Minden.

$299,900 - South Lake
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$189,000 - Little Hawk Lake Rd
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Haliburton Dance Academy dancers win big

SUE TIFFIN
County Life Staff

Of all of the awards 35 dancers from the Haliburton Dance Academy (HDA) brought home from three competitions held this spring, there are two that Chyna Schell cherishes most.

Schell, the director/owner of HDA, said accomplished dancers ranging in age from six to 18 received 12 platinum awards, 38 high gold awards, 42 gold awards, 12 special awards and 17 overall awards at the competitions in Niagara Falls, Port Hope and Kingston in March and April.

But the Pay It Forward Positivity award and This Is It overall award stand out for recognizing the character of HDA dancers.

"What we come away with doesn't really matter to me nearly as much as the experience the dancers have under their belt," said Schell. "Learning sportsmanship, time management, teamwork, just everything you should be learning at a competition atmosphere is so important."

The Pay It Forward prize, awarded at the Shooting Stars competition in Port Hope, was a unique congeniality award given to dancers for being positive and having a good attitude. Those dancers were then responsible for finding someone else deserving of the award throughout the day.

"I love it because that's what I take my kids to competition for," said Schell. "For the experience, to meet other people, and to network."

Madelyn Walker and Carrie Walker received the Pay It Forward award for their duet, entitled September.

In Kingston, a massive teddy bear prize was awarded for excellence through sportsmanship backstage, applauding others and being generally positive. HDA was awarded the bear, which was felt by competition organizers to be the most important award of the competition.

"I'm so beyond proud of all of the kids," said Schell. "We weren't reminding them to be nice. They were naturally wonderful and so endearing. It's not a surprise at all."

> *"I'm so beyond proud of all of the kids.*
>
> — Chyna Schell

Dance Canada, Niagara Falls:
Specials:
Wyatt Hutchings and Skye Lambshead for their duet "Time of My Life"
Paige Hough and Sydney Parish for their duet "Song Bird"
Wyatt Hutchings for his solo "Dance With Me"
Level 2 Musical Theatre group for their routine titled "Bring It On"
Overalls:
Junior 1st place soloist Anabel Acero for her solo "Party Dress"
Junior Group/Line: Advanced Acro "Rule the World"
3rd Place Highest Score of competition: Anabel Acero "Party Dress"

Shooting Stars, Port Hope:
Specials:
All Company Choreography routine titled "Michael Jackson" special award called: Teamwork
Carrie and Madelyn Walker for duet titled "September" special award called: Electric Energy.
Intermediate Hip Hop routine titled "That's My Girl" special award called: Don't Mess With My Crew
Emma Scheffee for her solo titled "Halo" special award called: Love to Dance
Overalls:
Junior Tap "Shake Your Groove Thing" 3rd place Jr Group
Anabel Acero solo "Party Dress" 1st place Jr Soloist + Most Potential Mini Dancer Award + Broadway Bound Award
Sydney Parish solo "Flying Solo" 3rd place Jr Soloist
Intermediate Jazz group "I'm In Love with a Monster" 1st place Small Group
Intermediate Hip Hop group "That's My Girl" 2nd place Small Group
Level 1 Musical Theatre "I've Got a Dream" 2nd place Large Group
All Co Choreography "Michael Jackson" 1st place Extended Line Group
Annie Merrifield solo "This Will Be" 3rd place Intermediate Soloist
Wyatt Hutchings and Skye Lambshead duet "Time of My Life" 2nd place Intermediate Duet
Advanced Acro "Rule the World" 4th place Intermediate small group
Senior Jazz "Candy Man" 3rd place Intermediate small group
Senior Lyrical "Count On Me" 3rd place Intermediate Small Group
Senior Hip Hop "TEAM" 1st place Large group
Senior Jazz "Into the Jungle" 2nd place Large group
Level 2 Musical Theatre "Bring It On" 1st place Intermediate Large group

This Is It, Kingston:
Specials:
Anabel Acero solo "Party Dress" special award called: "Dynamite Dynamix"
Jordy Schell solo "Be Still" special award called: "Quit Your Day Job!" + Achievement Award
Overalls:
Anabel Acero solo "Party Dress" 1st place Junior Soloist ($25 scholarship to finals)
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Senior Jazz "Into the Jungle" 1st place Large Group

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From left, Kyle Brewer, Owner/Advisor, Chris Salmans, Advisor, Susan Nicholson, Group Benefits Administrator, Teresa Johnston, Assistant, Dianne Brown-Windover, Licensed Administrative Assistant, Beckie Howitt, Administrative Assistant, Curtis Eastmure, Advisor

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Along with long-time clients, Kyle now serves the clientele base that the late Shawn Hagerman built – and he takes that responsibility seriously.

"Shawn built a great business with some fantastic individuals and companies over the last 40 years and our goal is to continue and build upon that legacy," he says.

If the growth of his business is any indication, he's doing a great job too. At the present time the company is located at 235 Highland Street in Haliburton, but by spring they'll be in a new location at 13321 Highway 118 (just past the Dysart roads department). The new location provides better accessibility for disabled clients and will accommodate his growing business and staffing levels.

He summarizes his business, as far as what he can offer clients in one quick sentence: "Our advice is based on holistic planning models. We strive to offer the best life, health, and wealth solutions for our clients that helps give clients a real sense of security and peace of mind."

Kyle says; "I love helping people. We often say we help people solve problems they don't even yet know they have. We prepare them for major life changes; like retirement, as well as more difficult situations such as dealing with the ramifications of a critical illness or the loss of a spouse or other loved one. We want to ensure our customers mitigate risks and make the right financial decision so that they won't have to worry about these things when those times come."

Kyle says to do that he always needs to put the client first.

"I can say with 100% certainty that we've never made a decision that is not in the best interests of the client. To be successful in our business, for the long term, you need to be honest and be a company known for its integrity, regardless of the cost incurred," he says. "My job is not to do what's best for my pocketbook or the company; it is to do what's best for my client – and I know that you have no reason to trust me – which is why I will tell you straight forward and make things easy to understand – it's with that in mind that I'm confident you will trust me."

Kyle drives nearly 6000 kilometers a month doing just that, while visiting clients and potential clients in their homes and businesses.

"It's part of our commitment and just another way of demonstrating what we believe: that our client is number one."

"We're ecstatic to be here in the beautiful Haliburton Highlands! I look forward to meeting new clients, and building upon our current relationships, as we move forward into the future."

To learn more about the important services Kyle and his staff provide, visit www.sunlife.ca/kyle.brewer/e/index.htm or phone him at 705-457-1052. You can also email him at Kyle.

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5

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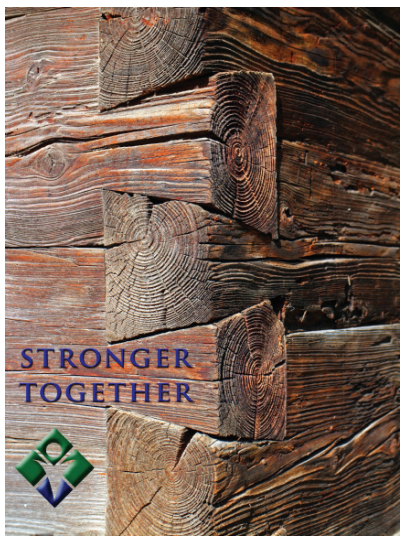

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At the 2017 Annual General Meeting, the Chamber heard from its members about the challenges they face in business. These items will be what the Chamber focusses on over the next year through our advocacy committee. To lend your voice, contact Autumn at 705-457-4700. You can also find out about our advocacy work online at www.haliburtonchamber.com

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Vendor Booths/Artisans Market Exhibit Building Open (Quonset Hut)
Symposiums/Seminars
~ Haliburton Fish Hatchery (Agricultural Ontario)
~ Ontario Clean Water (Enviro Canada)
~ Baseball Tournament
Kids and Youth Events
Sheep Show • Goat Show • Cow Show
Mounted Games • Classic Car Show
Pony Rides • Mutt Show (Main Stage)
Highland Dancers • Shout Sisters (Main Stage)
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~ Sheep Shearing Demonstrations
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~ Plowing Match - Registration starts at 9 a.m.

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Saturday

Grandstand ENTERTAIMENT

~ 12 Noon
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~ 1 P.M.
Cheryl Lescome

~ 3:30 P.M.
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9:00 - 4:00 Haliburton County Library
9:00 - 6:00 ~ Laser Tag/Hamster Balls
~ Ultimate Build and Play Station
~ Soper Creek Wildlife Rescue (3 shows)
10:00 - 3:00 ~ Library Crafts ~ Bean Bag Toss
~ Bucket Ball
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Upcoming Events

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, in partnership with Abbey Gardens - Pollinator Garden.

When: Saturday, June 10 from 9:30-12:00
Where: Abbey Gardens.
This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada, Canada150 Fund. This is an opportunity to get your hands dirty and gain a deeper understanding of the importance of biodiversity, and particularly bees, to food production. Join us for a fun and educational morning. Contact Abbey Gardens for further information at 705-754-4769 www.abbeygardens.ca

The Minden Curling Club is having a Great Garage Sale!

When: June 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: Minden Curling Club, 50 Prentice St. (beside the Community Centre) in Minden.
More than 250 members are participating. Many treasures to be found! Furniture, jewellery, tools, household goods, bake table, books and so much more.

Rails End Gallery Concert

When: Saturday June 10
Where: Rails End Gallery
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Haliburton Legion Presents the Highlands Trio in the Clubroom

When: Saturday, June 10, 2017, 4:00 to 7:00 pm
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost: $5.00 cover charge for non-members
50/50 draw at 6:00 pm
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HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, June 14, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Hot Lunch For All

The Highlands East Community Cooks will be offering a Hot Lunch for All
When: Friday, June 16 from 11:30 am to 1 p.m.
Where: Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce
Payment by donation or non perishable food item, in support
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Shout Sisters Concert

When: Friday, June 16, 7:30
Where: Northern Lights Pavilion, Haliburton
Tickets $15.00
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Food and Beverage Showcase

When: Date: Saturday, June 17, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Wintergreen Maple Products, 3325 Gelert Rd., Minden
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When: Saturday June 17
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Butter Tart Contest

When: Saturday June 17
Where: Head Lake Park
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Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library Book Sale

When: Saturday June 17 (same day as the Trash'n Treasure Event)
Place of Event: Dysart Branch Library Lawn
Time: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group

When: Wednesday, June 21. Doors open 6pm, presenter 7pm
Where: Lions Hall, Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden
What: Local historian and author Jim Mitchell presents his book "A Little Piece of Paradise - the History of Canning Lake"
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When: Saturday June 24
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HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, June 28, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
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The forest is her friend

Ethel Curry captures nature, and releases it on canvas

by Joe Banks

While the leaves change colour, and the cooler weather signals the end of summer, there will be a person standing amidst it all.

She won't be disturbing the scene. Just watching.

Quietly, she'll bend to pick up a wrinkled, pink leaf, hold it in her hand and smile.

Ethel Curry is in her element.

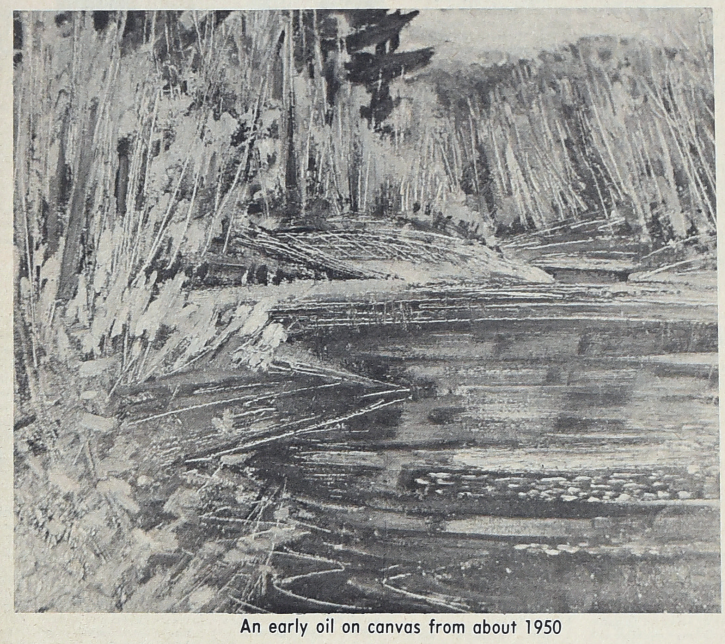
But she was not and still is not merely a spectator of the forest. Miss Curry, now 75 years of age and a resident of Haliburton Village, tries to capture the essence of the scene on canvas or masonite. Her paintings have depicted local nature scenes. And though she paints very little nowadays, the forest is still her friend, and a very special part of her life.

Miss Curry cannot say what it was that first brought her into painting. But when memories of days gone by are uprooted by the presence of one of her past paintings, her eyes will become excited. Her hands will wave slowly in the air.

"I was always very interested in it but I didn't intend to paint at first, you know. I wanted to teach."

Miss Curry did teach. Upon graduation from the Ontario School of Arts and following instructing off and on for several years in Haliburton and in Toronto, she stayed in the city and taught as an art teacher for 31 years. She was 35 when she got the job.

Ethel Curry painting - 1930



An early oil on canvas from about 1950

'I like my hands free and loose, with a cloth in one hand and a brush in the other...'

During this period, Miss Curry came to see many of her students as her "family". Her job had become, she says with a touch of bashfulness, "self-satisfying to me as a person." Her student's interests and problems became her concern.

But when holiday time came, the forest became her life. Even when she was in college, she fondly talks of trekking into the wilderness, sometimes with some fellow students, sometimes without, and painting. Or just sitting and watching.

"Most of us had to work, but at Christmas and Easter, when I had a week at a time, I came home and went outdoors. But until I had built my cabin, I went to other places to paint besides here."

Her cabin is something for which Miss Curry will always have a soft spot. She designed the log house which is situated on East Bay on Drag Lake. She no longer owns the cabin, but it is one of her favorite subjects when walking down memory lane.

"My father dragged a lot of the trees out of the bush to build it with. The whole thing cost me $6,000 to build and a Finlander built it. For the first 10 to 15 years it had a woodstove and I carried buckets of water from the well up to the cabin."

It became her summer home, and Miss Curry used it as her 'painting base' during these warm months. Quietly, she'll glance at a painting hanging on her wall. Her father and nephew seem to enter the scene.

"When dad and his grandson used to go fishing, I'd go with them and paint. Why did they let me go with them? Because I cooked for them!"

Ethel Curry in her element today

She remembers the days of paint and blue sky, of observing and manipulating her brush. She never looked for a place to paint. Comfort was her deciding place.

"I just sat down where it was comfortable - I had to have a place where I could sit down where it was comfortable. I propped the canvas up on a tree or something with my paint box right down here."

She waves her hand vaguely to her lower right, and crouches slightly to show how she sat.

"I kept the weight on my feet so I could move up and down the canvas freely. I never held a palet. I like my hands free and loose, with a cloth in one hand and a brush in the other."

In her prime years as an artist, Miss Curry often went out during her holidays in the winter to paint the essence of the scene. Sure it was cold, she'll admit, but keeping warm was part of the job.

Often, cold winter days became painting days.

"When you're painting out of doors, you're part of the weather. I love the weather, and you just have to dress for it," she admits with a grin.

She and her companions brought socks out into brisk, icy weather with holes in them. The brush was inserted through the hole, so the artist could grasp the brush fully, while keeping chilled hands warm.

"But we'd sit so long until we became suddenly frozen. I'd have to get up and jump up and down, but we were more likely to walk. When we started sweating, we'd sit down and start painting again," she asserts with circular motions of her hands. Resting her feet on the couch next to her, thoughts of winter cause her to wrap her arms snugly around herself.

"When I went back to Toronto," she says sadly, "and before I'd leave home we'd put hot bricks in a cardboard box with newspapers around them to heat us with on the trip back - you learned how to stay warm."

'Winter Storm' - an oil on canvas at Long Lake near Haliburton - 1940's

'Comfort was her deciding place'

Photographs courtesy of Ethel Curry

'Walking in the woods has given me a release

What kind of effect painting has had on her, she says she will never know. The trees, the water, and the colours are something she describes as "another kind of life."

"Walking in the woods has given me a release. I'm a quiet woman and like quietness."

The quietness is evident on her many paintings she has hanging in her home in Haliburton. The coldness of a winter's day, the beauty of a fall evening, or the silent magic of a summer afternoon is all there.

Sensing that perhaps the paintings are not true evidence of what she describes as "the other life", Miss Curry leafs through a book of nature photographs with Thoreau text added.

Her nimble fingers turn each page gracefully, and she discusses the composition, the colours, the essence of each picture. She admits that she does not have the words for the pictures, but she asserts that the beauty is something that must be actually seen.

"If I had had religious training, that is what God is about, and my feeling about nature," she says describing Thoreau's philosophy and ideals.

She turns the book over to display the book's title. It says, "In Wilderness Is The Preservation The World."

And one suddenly realizes while she leafs through the colourful book what Miss Curry means, what her painting means, and her love of nature.

It's simple.

Ethel Curry's paintings are her release and so are her strolls through the forest around her home. The similarities present a perspective of the woman.

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"That's what it all means," Miss Curry says.

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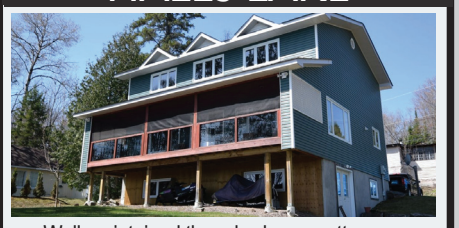

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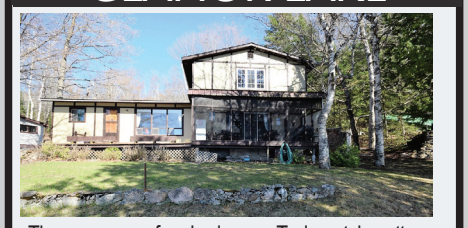

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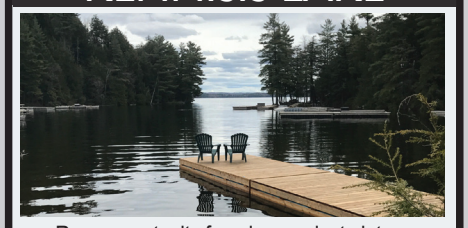

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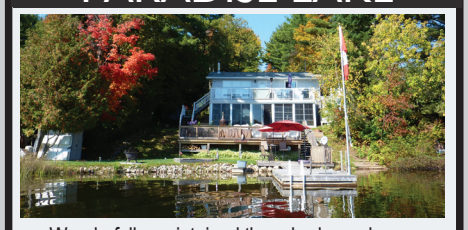

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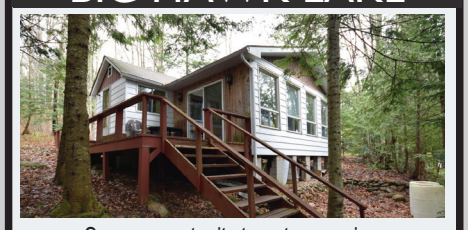

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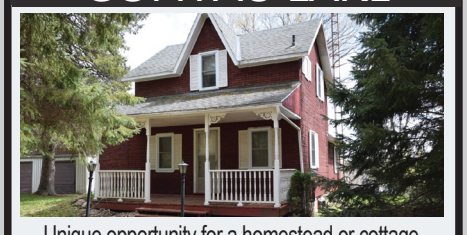

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